

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

Pending Claims

Claims 1-5, 7, and 37 – 40 are maintained in the present application. Claim 6 had been canceled before and claims 8 – 36 are canceled now. Applicants do reserve the right to file a divisional or continuation towards the canceled subject matter.

Claim rejections - 35 USC § 112, first paragraph

Applicants submit that the basis for rejection under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph has been obviated by the proposed amendments. Accordingly Applicants request that the rejection under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider. Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims be issued in this case.

No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Non. 10-0750/PRD0019/FDC.

Respectfully submitted,

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